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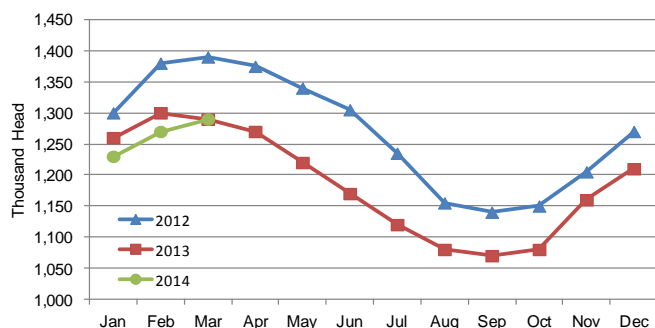
*Cattle of Feed
Milk Production
Chickens*

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Iowa for all feedlots totaled 1,290,000 on March 1, 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Cattle on Feed* report. The inventory is up 2 percent from February 1, 2014 and unchanged from March 1, 2013. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 670,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 620,000 head on feed, up 2 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

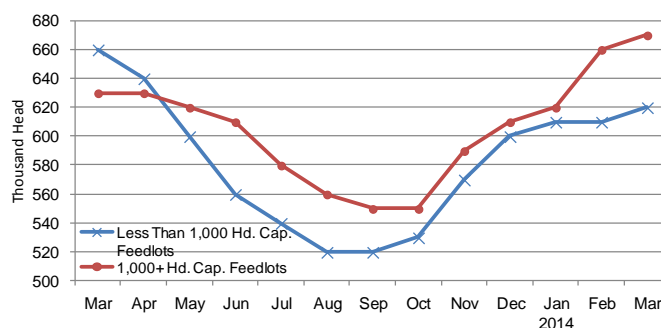
Placements during February totaled 131,000 head, a decrease of 27 percent from last month but up 19 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 86,000 head, down 25 percent from last month but up 41 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 45,000 head. This is down 31 percent from last month and down 8 percent from last year.

Marketings for February were 107,000 head, down 19 percent from last month and down 5 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 74,000 head, up 4 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 33,000 head, down 46 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

**Cattle on Feed, Inventory on all Feedlots, Iowa:
2012-2014**



**Cattle on Feed, Inventory by Feedlot Capacity, Iowa:
Current Month & Past 12 Months**



All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

Item	Lots 1,000+ Head		Lots Less than 1,000 Head		All Lots
	(1,000 Head)		(1,000 Head)		(1,000 Head)
Cattle on Feed, February 1, 2014	660		610		1,270
February Placements	86		45		131
February Marketings	74		33		107
February Other Disappearance	2		2		4
Cattle on Feed, March 1, 2014	670		620		1,290

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

[Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.]

State	Cattle on Feed March 1			Placements during February			Marketings during February			February Disappearance other than Slaughter ¹		
	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13	2013	2014	'14 as % of '13
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Arizona	270	272	101	23	28	122	27	27	100	1	1	100
California	480	500	104	50	38	76	43	55	128	2	3	150
Colorado	990	940	95	155	135	87	165	155	94	10	10	100
Idaho	225	210	93	34	37	109	33	41	124	1	1	100
Iowa	630	670	106	61	86	141	68	74	109	3	2	67
Kansas	2,050	2,060	100	285	335	118	335	315	94	10	10	100
Minnesota	132	135	102	12	11	92	15	12	80	1	1	100
Nebraska	2,430	2,500	103	340	430	126	370	375	101	10	15	150
Oklahoma	305	270	89	37	43	116	55	36	65	2	2	100
South Dakota ...	230	240	104	45	39	87	39	36	92	1	3	300
Texas	2,550	2,470	97	335	410	122	390	360	92	15	20	133
Washington	233	198	85	35	30	86	34	36	106	2	2	100
Other States	320	325	102	26	28	108	29	27	93	2	1	50
United States ...	10,845	10,790	99	1,438	1,650	115	1,603	1,549	97	60	71	118

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

ONGOING SURVEYS

You may be contacted by mail, phone, or in person by a NASDA enumerator and asked to complete one of these surveys. Your information is important and we appreciate the time you take to assist us with our data collection. Thank you for supporting Iowa agriculture.

Farm and Ranch Irrigation -- The Farm and Ranch Irrigation Survey provides detailed data relating to on-farm irrigation activities for use in preparing a wide variety of water-related programs, economic models, legislative initiatives, market analysis, and feasibility studies. FRIS provides the only data that are complete, consistent, and accurate enough to be used for benchmarking on-farm irrigation measures over time.

The FRIS is a follow on survey of the census of agriculture. The target population is all farms and ranches in the 50 states reporting irrigated land in the preceding census of agriculture, institutional, experimental, and research farms. The data are also tabulated by 20 Water Resource Regions (WRR), the 2-digit Hydrologic Unit Code.

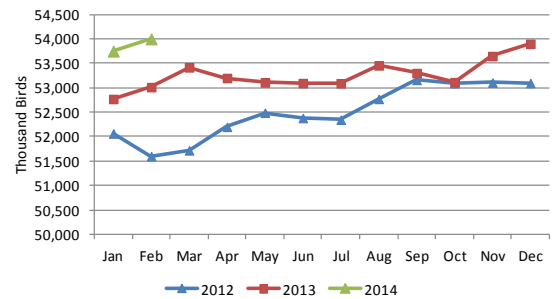
Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) -- ARMS is the primary source of information to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the public on a broad range of issues about U.S. agricultural resource use, costs, and farm sector financial conditions. The results of this survey are the only source of information available for objective evaluation of many critical issues related to agriculture and the rural economy. NASS conducts the survey in collaboration with the Economic Research Service (ERS).

CHICKENS & EGGS

Egg production in Iowa for during February 2014 was 1.13 billion eggs, down 10 percent from last month, but up 1 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of layers on hand during February was 54.0 million, up 1 percent from last month, and up 2 percent from the 53.0 million in February 2013. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of February were 2,087 down 10 percent from last month, and down 1 percent from 2,101 last year.

All Layers on Hand, Iowa, 2012-2014



Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States, January 2013 and 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

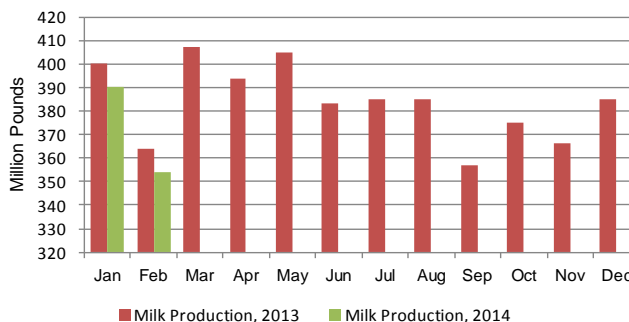
State	Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above		All layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total egg production		Table egg production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Number)	(Number)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)	(Million eggs)
Alabama	1,468	1,502	9,217	9,205	1,834	1,727	169	159	31	31
Arkansas	3,795	3,672	12,647	12,422	1,842	1,835	233	228	82	80
California	17,964	16,261	18,325	16,690	2,128	2,139	390	357	(D)	(D)
Colorado	3,814	4,472	4,183	4,825	2,128	2,259	89	109	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	2,242	2,242	2,333	2,331	2,057	2,059	48	48	(D)	(D)
Florida	7,983	8,193	8,332	8,520	2,016	2,124	168	181	164	177
Georgia	8,934	9,210	17,491	18,072	1,967	1,975	344	357	192	204
Illinois	4,031	4,423	4,322	4,717	2,175	2,184	94	103	90	99
Indiana	25,802	26,491	26,637	27,405	2,106	2,186	561	599	547	583
Iowa	52,096	53,044	53,014	54,046	2,101	2,087	1,114	1,128	1,099	1,112
Maine	3,503	3,503	3,558	3,558	2,192	2,192	78	78	(D)	(D)
Maryland	2,295	2,546	2,403	2,663	2,164	2,178	52	58	51	57
Michigan	12,688	12,646	12,862	12,821	2,255	2,239	290	287	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	9,629	9,982	10,064	10,358	2,116	2,192	213	227	207	222
Mississippi	1,579	1,530	5,608	5,785	1,890	1,850	106	107	34	33
Missouri	6,362	6,191	7,952	7,858	2,163	2,087	172	164	(D)	(D)
Nebraska	9,245	9,318	9,295	9,368	2,324	2,316	216	217	216	217
New York	4,411	4,428	4,652	4,652	2,322	2,257	108	105	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	5,775	5,727	12,713	12,983	1,856	1,972	236	256	118	132
Ohio	28,044	27,869	28,472	28,427	2,100	2,209	598	628	(D)	(D)
Oregon	2,083	2,181	2,215	2,251	2,302	2,266	51	51	49	51
Pennsylvania	23,686	24,244	24,870	25,490	2,236	2,252	556	574	537	554
South Carolina	3,028	3,024	4,289	4,235	1,958	2,007	84	85	63	67
South Dakota	2,639	2,517	2,679	2,557	2,240	2,190	60	56	60	56
Texas	14,644	14,786	18,491	18,716	2,093	2,073	387	388	(D)	(D)
Utah	3,601	3,894	3,631	3,924	2,203	2,115	80	83	80	83
Virginia	1,122	990	2,752	2,674	1,853	1,907	51	51	23	22
Washington	6,634	6,796	6,752	6,914	2,177	2,112	147	146	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin	4,710	4,394	5,278	5,053	2,141	2,078	113	105	(D)	(D)
Other States ¹	12,930	13,008	20,929	21,508	2,016	1,995	422	429	308	308
United States	286,737	289,084	345,966	350,028	2,090	2,104	7,230	7,364	6,264	6,395

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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during February 2014 totaled 354 million pounds, down 3 percent from February 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during February, at 205,000 head, was 3,000 fewer than last year, but the same as last month. Production per cow averaged 1,725 pounds, 25 pounds lower than in February 2013.

**Milk Production, Iowa,
2013-2014**



Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona	190	192	1,940	1,965	369	377	2.2
California	1,780	1,781	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,402	5.3
Colorado	135	140	1,865	1,910	252	267	6.0
Florida	122	123	1,670	1,710	204	210	2.9
Idaho	577	566	1,740	1,820	1,004	1,030	2.6
Illinois	97	96	1,590	1,550	154	149	-3.2
Indiana	174	178	1,710	1,705	298	303	1.7
Iowa	208	205	1,750	1,725	364	354	-2.7
Kansas	132	137	1,705	1,700	225	233	3.6
Michigan	378	381	1,880	1,880	711	716	0.7
Minnesota	465	460	1,565	1,545	728	711	-2.3
New Mexico	322	323	1,985	1,950	639	630	-1.4
New York	610	615	1,695	1,685	1,034	1,036	0.2
Ohio	271	266	1,590	1,560	431	415	-3.7
Oregon	123	124	1,555	1,590	191	197	3.1
Pennsylvania	534	531	1,560	1,565	833	831	-0.2
South Dakota	92	95	1,665	1,640	153	156	1.5
Texas	435	440	1,740	1,775	757	781	3.2
Utah	91	95	1,660	1,650	151	157	4.0
Vermont	134	132	1,505	1,545	202	204	1.0
Virginia	94	93	1,460	1,500	137	140	2.2
Washington	264	268	1,825	1,855	482	497	3.1
Wisconsin	1,270	1,270	1,705	1,670	2,165	2,121	-2.0
23-State Total	8,498	8,511	1,732	1,753	14,715	14,917	1.4

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves